

IN THE CLAIMS

1. (Currently amended) A hormonal regimen wherein at least one of the daily dosages comprises at least 0.5 mg of norgestimate and an estrogen component ~~which does not exceed~~ in the range of 20-35 mcg Ethinyl Estradiol (EE) equivalent.

Please add new claims 2-19 as follows:

2. (New) The regimen of claim 1 wherein said daily dosage has norgestimate in the range of 0.5-0.8 mg.

3. (New) The regimen of claim 1 wherein said daily dosage has at least 0.8 mg of norgestimate.

4. (New) The regimen of claim 3 wherein the said daily dosage has norgestimate in the range of 0.8-1.2 mg.

5. (New) The regimen of claim 2 wherein said daily dosage has at least 1.0 mg of norgestimate.

6. (New) The regimen of claim 5 wherein the said daily dosage has norgestimate in the range of 1.0-1.8 mg.

7. (New) The regimen of claim 1 wherein said daily dosage has at least 1.2 mg of norgestimate.

8. (New) The regimen of claim 1 wherein said daily dosage has at least 1.8 mg of norgestimate.

9. (New) The regimen of claim 1 wherein said daily dosage has at least 2.5 mg of norgestimate.

10. (New) The regimen of claim 2 wherein said daily dosage of said norgestimate is 0.5 mg.

11. (New) The regimen of claim 4 wherein said daily dosage of said norgestimate is 0.8 mg.
12. (New) The regimen of claim 1 wherein said estrogen component does not exceed 25 mcg ethinyl estradiol equivalent.
13. (New) The regimen of claim 1 wherein said estrogen component is ethinyl estradiol.
14. (New) The regimen of claim 1 where in said estrogen component is 20 mcg ethinyl estradiol.
15. (New) The regimen of claim 1 wherein said is multi-phasic, with one phase having a daily dosage of norgestimate of at least 0.5 mg and another phase having daily dosage of norgestimate of less than 0.25 mg.
16. (New) The regimen of claim 1 wherein said is multi-phasic, with one phase having a daily dosage of norgestimate of at least 0.8 mg and another phase having daily dosage of norgestimate of less than 0.25 mg.
17. (New) The regimen of claim 1 wherein said regimen consists of a 21-28 daily dosages for a cycle, and wherein the total norgestimate in said cycle is at least 8 mg.
18. (New)The regimen of claim 17 wherein said total norgestimate in said cycle is at least 12 mg.
19. (New)The regimen of claim 18 wherein said total norgestimate in said cycle is at least 20 mg.